



Compliance Alert

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Express Scripts – Urgent –Emerging Therapeutic Issues Communication

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned consumers not to use certain respiratory drugs manufactured by Dey LP that were purchased or received after September 8, 2009. A tractor-trailer containing Albuterol Sulfate and Ipratropium Bromide Inhalation Solutions was stolen. Since this product may not have been stored or handled properly, the medications may be dangerous to use. As a precaution, the company and FDA are advising patients who use these medications to check to see if product received or purchased after September 8, 2009 is from one of the following lots:

Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution (3 mL vials) - Lot numbers: 9G04, 9FD8, 9FD9, 9FE1

Ipratropium Bromide Inhalation Solution (2.5 mL vials) - Lot numbers: F09089, C09119, C09120

Medications from one of these lots received or purchased after September 8, 2009 should not be used. Patients should bring them back to the pharmacy of purchase to exchange them for product from a different lot.

If you have additional questions, you can call Dey customer service at 1-800-527-4278 for more information. Additional information can be found on FDA's Medwatch website at: www.fda.gov/medwatch. You can also call FDA at 1.888.INFO.FDA (automated) or 301.796.3400.

Express Scripts' response:

- In an effort to inform members of this safety alert, we have identified members who have received a prescription for Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution or Ipratropium Bromide Inhalation Solution, manufactured by Dey, since September 8, 2009. A communication summarizing the information provided by the manufacturer will be sent to these members.
- These communications will be distributed for those clients enrolled in the member portion of the Emerging Therapeutics Intervention Program.
- Members using Express Scripts Home Delivery services are not impacted by this safety notification.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Group Benefit Services Account Manager at 1.800.638.6085.

This communication is not intended to be legal advice and should not be construed as legal advice. If you have any legal questions or concerns about your plan, GBS recommends seeking counsel from an ERISA attorney.

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